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**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) California - Initial Deployment of Guard Troops Arrives at the California-Mexico Border**

(U) Imperial - The initial deployment of California National Guard troops has arrived at the international border and will soon begin backing up federal law enforcement agents. Standing before 51 troops during a Monday morning news conference, Gloria Chavez—the new Border Patrol chief in the El Centro sector—said the unarmed Operation Guardian Support soldiers would serve in support roles and won't be asked to arrest any suspected gun runners, drug mules or immigrants crossing the border illegally.

SOURCE: 14 May 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

**(U) California - Teens are Smuggling Deadlier Drugs Across the Border**

(U) San Diego - A Chula Vista high school student was charged last week with recruiting classmates to smuggle drugs from Mexico into the United States, and separate charges were brought against another San Diego man for recruiting high school students at San Ysidro High School to do the same. US Authorities caught five teens in one-week smuggling fentanyl across the border back in March, which is part of an unsettling trend that, according to Customs and Border Protection, began around 2009, in which criminal organizations recruit teenagers to smuggle drugs and people because they believe they will be less scrutinized. The pattern has reached new levels of urgency as teens are being recruited to smuggle increasingly deadlier drugs across the border.

SOURCE: 14 May 2018, [Voice of San Diego](#)

**(U) Mexico - Boss in Sinaloa Drug Cartel Arrested**

(U) Nogales - Mexican police and soldiers have detained the chief operator for the Sinaloa drug cartel in Nogales, Sonora, Mexican prosecutors announced yesterday. Josue Ivan Torres Gonzalez, known in Mexico as “El Chango,” smuggled heroin, meth, cocaine, and people to the United States through Nogales. Gonzalez and two alleged associates were arrested without gunfire in a series of raids carried out by police and soldiers in the Sonoran city.

SOURCE: 14 May 2018, [Arizona Star](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) Florida - Man Accused of Planning Mosque Shooting Guilty on Gun Charge**

(U) Jacksonville - Court records show that 69-year-old Bernandino Bolatete was convicted in Jacksonville federal court on 11 May of possessing an unregistered firearm silencer and faces 10 years in prison. Police say they began investigating Bolatete last year after receiving a tip from a confidential source that he was planning a mass shooting at the Islamic Center of Northeast Florida. After Bolatete's arrest in December 2017, prosecutors say FBI agents found a significant collection of firearms and ammunition during a search of Bolatete's home and car.

SOURCE: 14 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) Kentucky - Deputy Jailer Among Three Arrested on Drug Charges**

(U) Somerset - A traffic stop on 13 May resulted in the arrest of three individuals — including a deputy jailer at the Pulaski County Detention Center. Sheila B. Keith, 27 submitted her resignation to jail officials shortly after she was booked on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (more than two grams of methamphetamine, first offense), trafficking in synthetic drugs (first offense), first-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, second-degree hindering prosecution or apprehension, and endangering the welfare of a minor.

SOURCE: 14 May 2018, [Commonwealth Journal](#)

**(U) Pennsylvania - Man Sentenced for Shooting Officer in Name of ISIS**

(U) Philadelphia - Edward Archer, 33, was convicted in the ambush shooting of Philadelphia police officer Jesse Hartnett and will spend up to 97 years in prison. In January 2016, Archer fired a barrage of bullets into Hartnett's squad car at the intersection of 60th and Spruce in West Philadelphia, wounding the officer. At the time, Archer declared the attack to be in the name of ISIS, but his attorney highlighted in court there was a history of schizophrenia in his family.

SOURCE: 14 May 2018, [CBS News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Austria - Leaders of Far-Right Identitarian Movement Indicted**

(U) Graz - Prosecutors in Austria say they have indicted more than a dozen leading members of the far-right Identitarian Movement. The group has gained attention for high-profile stunts and using social media to attract young people to its anti-migrant campaigns. Prosecutors in the southern Austrian city of Graz said yesterday that 10 of the movement's leaders and seven sympathizers are being charged with incitement to hatred, forming a criminal organization, property damage, and harassment. The group reportedly contests the allegations.

SOURCE: 14 May 2018, [Washington Post](#)

**(U) Turkey - Police Detain 54 Suspected ISIS Members**

(U) Istanbul - Turkish authorities have detained 54 suspected ISIS members in Istanbul who were believed to be preparing to travel to conflict zones in Syria, police said today. All those detained were foreign nationals, but police are not providing details on when the detentions took place. ISIS has carried out numerous bombings across Turkey in recent years, including an attack on a nightclub in Istanbul in which 39 people were killed, and a bombing in the city's historic heart that killed 12.

SOURCE: 15 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

**(U) United Kingdom - London Teen 'Bonded with ISIS Fighter over Shared Love of Deal or No Deal'**

(U) London - A radicalized teen-aged girl declared her love for an ISIS fighter after bonding over the TV gameshow Deal or No Deal, according to court documents. Safaa Boular also fantasized about killing the former US president Barack Obama during her relationship with her fiancé Naveed Hussain. She allegedly planned a grenade and gun ambush at the British Museum in London after Hussain was killed in Syria before she could join him.

SOURCE: 14 May 2018, [The Guardian](#)

**(U) United Kingdom - UK Calls for UN Probe into Deadly Live Fire Against Protestors**

(U) London - Britain has called for a UN-led investigation looking at why "such a volume" of live ammunition was used by Israeli troops against Palestinian protestors in Gaza. Foreign minister Alistair Burt said UK diplomats were already urgently working towards trying to establish an inquiry, after violence that left 58 dead following the move of the US embassy to Jerusalem. UK shadow foreign

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secretary Emily Thornberry stated many of the victims had been shot in the back, hundreds of meters from the border, and pointed out that many of them were children.

SOURCE: 15 May 2018, [Independent](#)

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